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SUBJECT: CURRENT SPANISH POSITION REGARDING THE EC

1. DURING THE PAST WEEK THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS IN THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THE MINISTER OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY HAVE GIVEN US COMPLEMETNTARY AND SUBSTANTIALY SIMILAR VERSIONS OF THE POSITION REGARDING THE EC. WHAT THEY HAVE SAID ADDS UP TO THE FOLLOWING.

2. IN VIEW OF THE EC POLITICAL OBJECTIONS TO THE BOLDER MOVE TOWARD MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC THAT SPAIN WOULD HAVE LIKED, SPAIN WILL FOR THE TIME BEING LIMIT ITSELF TO SEEKING SIMPLY
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AN ADJUSTMENT OF ITS EXISTING ARRANGEMENT WITH THE SIX

TO COVER THE NINE. THE RESULTING NEW ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE FOR A FOUR YEAR PERIOD ON THE PRESEUMPTION THAT SPAIN WILL HAVE DEMONSTRATED ITS DEMOCRATIC CREDENTIALS SUFFICIENTLY WITHIN TWO YEARS TO APPLY FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP AND THAT NEGOTIATION OF THE TERMS FOR IST MOVING TO FULL MEMBERSHIP MAY TAKE AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEARS. SPAIN FURTHER ASSUMES THAT THE ECONOMIC ACTIONS REQUIRED FOR FULL MEMBERSHIP ON A BASIS COMPARABLE WITH OTHER CURRENT FULL MEMBEERS WOULD BE TAKEN OVER ANOTHER FOUR YEAR PERIOD AND THUS BE COMPLETED BY 1984. SPAIN WILL PROCEED TO TRY TO TRY TO NEGOTIATE THE NEW ARRANGEMENT AFTER FOREING MINISTER AREILZA HAS COMPLETED HIS CURRENT ROUND OF VISITS TO ITALY.

3. THE NEGOTIATION OF EVEN THE EXPANSION OF THE DIFFICULT ARRANGEMENT WITH THE SIX TO COVER THE NINE, WILL BE DIFFICULT HOWEVER, SPAIN WILL ASK THE SIX TO GIVE CONCESSIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS THAT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR BOTH TO ACCEPT. MOREEVER, THE EC PROBABLY WILL NOT WISH TO HAVE A FIXED TERM, FOUR AGREEMENT, BUT RATHER AN AGREEMENT THAT WOULD BE IN EFFECT UNTIL AN APPLICATION IS MADE AND ACCEPTED FOR A DIFFERENT, PRESUMABLY FULL MEMBER, RELATIONSHIP.

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